

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 14, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1981
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Human Services, to which was referred H.B. No. 1981 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO A BASIC BILL OF RIGHTS FOR VICTIMS AND WITNESSES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect child victims of serious crimes by giving their cases priority over other pending cases on a court's criminal case calendar. This will prevent setbacks in the child's recovery which may be caused from the child's having to testify about traumatizing events after prolonged delay and after healing has begun.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate discussion; and
- (2) Making numerous technical, nonsubstantive amendments to conform with standard drafting conventions.

Your Committee recognizes that although this is an important issue, very little testimony was received, and no testimony was provided by any of the affected governmental agencies. Because of



the mandatory nature of the proposals set forth in this measure, your Committee respectfully requests that should your Committee on Judiciary choose to consider this measure, it should consider soliciting input from agencies who may be interested or involved.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Human Services that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1981, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1981, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Human Services,

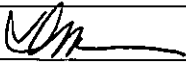

MELE CARROLL, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Human Services

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1981	Committee Referral: HVS, JUD	Date: 2/11/14		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
HUS Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CARROLL, Mele (C)				✓
2. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand (VC)	✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au				✓
4. CREAGAN, Richard	✓			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	✓			
6. JORDAN, Jo		✓		
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	✓			
8. OSHIRO, Marcus R.		✓		
9. WOODSON, Justin H.				✓
10. FUKUMOTO, Beth	✓			
TOTAL (10)	5	2		3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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